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DECLARATION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **DATA PROCESSING METHOD AND DEVICE**, the specification of which (1) was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/EP03/008080 on July 24, 2003 and (2) is being filed concurrently herewith in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	DATE OF ISSUE (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
DE	102 36 271.8	7 August 2002		Yes
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DE	102 36 269.6	7 August 2002		Yes
EP	PCT/EP02/10065	16 August 2002		Yes
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DE	102 40 022.9	27 August 2002		Yes
DE	102 40 000.8	27 August 2002		Yes
DE	PCT/DE02/03278	3 September 2002		Yes
DE	102 41 812.8	6 September 2002		Yes
EP	PCT/EP02/10084	9 September 2002		Yes
DE	102 43 322.4	18 September 2002		Yes
EP	PCT/EP02/10464	18 September 2002		Yes
EP	PCT/EP02/10479	18 September 2002		Yes

EP	PCT/EP02/10536	19 September 2002		Yes
EP	PCT/EP02/10572	19 September 2002		Yes
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EP	02027277.9	6 December 2002		Yes
DE	103 00 380.0	7 January 2003		Yes
DE	PCT/DE03/00152	20 January 2003		Yes
DE	PCT/EP03/00624	20 January 2003		Yes
DE	PCT/DE03/00489	18 February 2003		Yes
DE	103 10 195.0	6 March 2003		Yes
DE	PCT/DE03/00942	21 March 2003		Yes
DE	103 15 295.4	4 April 2003		Yes
EP	03009906.3	30 April 2003		Yes
DE	103 21 834.3	15 May 2003		Yes
EP	03013694.9	17 June 2003		Yes
EP	03015015.5	2 July 2003		Yes

PRIOR UNITED STATES APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE (day, month, year)

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